

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information apparatus, comprising:

5 acquisition resources, the acquisition resources providing for acquisition of information;

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distribution resources, coupled to the acquisition resources so as to receive and
distribute all or part of the acquired information; and,

10 association resources, coupled to the acquisition and distribution resources, the
association resources providing an association annotation to the distribution resources, whereby
the distribution resources distribute responsive to the association annotation.

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2. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising processing
resources coupled to one or more of the acquisition, association and distribution resources.

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3. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the processing resources
comprise at least one of conditioning facilities, analog-to-digital conversion facilities, buffering or
other storage facilities, recognition facilities, encryption facilities, compression facilities, coding
20 facilities, and composing facilities.

4. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the distribution resources
selectively distribute information responsive to an association annotation, the annotation being
based on the acquired information as processed by the processing resources.

25 5. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising administration
resources coupled to one or more of the acquisition, association and distribution resources, the
administration resources comprising at least one of timer facilities, prompting facilities, and
configuration facilities.

30 6. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the distribution resources
selectively distribute information responsive to the association annotation, the association

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annotation being based on at least one of the information acquired by the acquisition resources or directives provided by the configuration facilities.

7. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the configuration facilities providing support for a shared relevance space, the shared relevance space supporting coordination between the acquisition and distribution resources.

8. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the information apparatus is implemented as a PDA, the PDA's shared relevance space is defined around transportability.

9. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the PDA's shared relevance space is user-specifiable.

10. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the configuration facilities support tracking of the user's use of the apparatus, such tracking being employable for updating of the configuration facilities.

11. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the acquisition resources acquire information which information comprises at least one of associated information and directives.

12. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the acquisition resources comprise (a) at least one of transducing facilities and coupling facilities and (b) acquisition control facilities for activating selected said transducing and coupling facilities.

13. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the distribution resources comprise staging facilities, the staging facilities supporting indirect distribution of information.

14. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising one or more exploiting resources to which the distribution resources distribute all or part of at least one of the information and the association annotations, the exploiting resources comprising at least one of internal exploiting resources and external exploiting resources.

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15. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the association resources comprise at least one of directive management facilities, annotating facilities and association control facilities.

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16. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein (a) the directive management facilities support receipt and processing of directives acquired as information by the acquisition resources, (b) the annotating facilities formulate annotations based on at least one of the received directives and of configurations, such configuration being predetermined, user-adjustable and combinations of same; and (c) the association control facilities provide for activating the association resources.

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17. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising control coordinating resources coupled to the acquisition resources and to the association resources.

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18. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the control coordinating resources coordinate activations of the acquisition and association resources.

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19. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the control coordinating resources provide one or more of (a) accommodation of the application of directives other than from real-time, transducer-based acquisition, (b) operation independently of the sequence of acquisition of associated information and directives and (c) handling of use both of common and of differing transducing facilities.

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20. The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the control coordinating resources is implemented to recognize the completion of a primary information acquisition, so as to timely and automatically activate a secondary acquisition, such activation being direct or indirect.

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